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**Bill No. 47**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MILITARY AFFAIRS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 15-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol shall be within the  
4 Military Department [of Public Safety] and may expend funds, within  
5 available appropriations, for the acquisition, installation, conditioning,  
6 rental and maintenance of equipment and facilities and for expenses  
7 incurred in connection with senior and cadet training; provided no  
8 funds shall be expended for the purpose of uniforms or personal  
9 effects, or for salaries of members of said civil air patrol, except as set  
10 forth in subsection (b) of this section.

11 (b) The wing commander of the Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol  
12 may employ clerical assistance at headquarters for such duties as may  
13 be required by the wing commander. The commander of the  
14 Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol may issue vouchers for all

15 expenditures covered by this section, and the Comptroller shall  
16 convert such vouchers into warrants, and the Treasurer shall pay the  
17 same out of the General Fund.

18 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 31-236 of the 2008  
19 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
20 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

21 (2) (A) If, in the opinion of the administrator, the individual has left  
22 suitable work voluntarily and without good cause attributable to the  
23 employer, until such individual has earned at least ten times such  
24 individual's benefit rate, provided whenever an individual voluntarily  
25 leaves part-time employment under conditions that would render the  
26 individual ineligible for benefits, such individual's ineligibility shall be  
27 limited as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if applicable, and  
28 provided further, no individual shall be ineligible for benefits if the  
29 individual leaves suitable work (i) for good cause attributable to the  
30 employer, including leaving as a result of changes in conditions  
31 created by the individual's employer, (ii) to care for a seriously ill  
32 spouse or child, or parent domiciled with the individual, provided  
33 such illness is documented by a licensed physician, (iii) due to the  
34 discontinuance of transportation, other than the individual's  
35 personally owned vehicle, used to get to and from work, provided no  
36 reasonable alternative transportation is available, (iv) to protect the  
37 individual or a child domiciled with the individual from becoming or  
38 remaining a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 17b-  
39 112a, provided such individual has made reasonable efforts to  
40 preserve the employment, but the employer's account shall not at any  
41 time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving that falls under  
42 subparagraph (A)(iv) of this subdivision, or (v) for a separation from  
43 employment that occurs during the period beginning on July 1, 2007,  
44 and ending on June 30, [2008] 2014, to accompany a spouse who is on  
45 active duty with the armed forces of the United States and is required  
46 to relocate by the armed forces, but the employer's account shall not at  
47 any time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving that falls  
48 under subparagraph (A)(v) of this subdivision; or (B) if, in the opinion

49 of the administrator, the individual has been discharged or suspended  
50 for felonious conduct, conduct constituting larceny of property or  
51 service, the value of which exceeds twenty-five dollars, or larceny of  
52 currency, regardless of the value of such currency, wilful misconduct  
53 in the course of the individual's employment, or participation in an  
54 illegal strike, as determined by state or federal laws or regulations,  
55 until such individual has earned at least ten times the individual's  
56 benefit rate; provided an individual who (i) while on layoff from  
57 regular work, accepts other employment and leaves such other  
58 employment when recalled by the individual's former employer, (ii)  
59 leaves work that is outside the individual's regular apprenticeable  
60 trade to return to work in the individual's regular apprenticeable trade,  
61 (iii) has left work solely by reason of governmental regulation or  
62 statute, or (iv) leaves part-time work to accept full-time work, shall not  
63 be ineligible on account of such leaving and the employer's account  
64 shall not at any time be charged with respect to such separation, unless  
65 such employer has elected payments in lieu of contributions.

66 Sec. 3. Section 17a-453d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

68 The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in  
69 collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, the state  
70 Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Military Department, shall  
71 provide behavioral health services, on a transitional basis, for [the  
72 dependents and] any (1) Connecticut resident who is a member of any  
73 [reserve] component of the armed forces of the United States who has  
74 been called to active service in the armed forces of this state or the  
75 United States for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi  
76 Freedom, or (2) Connecticut resident who is a dependent of any such  
77 member. Such transitional services shall be provided when no  
78 Department of Defense coverage for such services is available or such  
79 member or dependent of any such member is not eligible for such  
80 services through the Department of Defense, until an approved  
81 application is received from the federal Department of Veterans'  
82 Affairs and coverage is available to such member and such member's

83 dependents.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	15-98
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	31-236(a)(2)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-453d

**VA**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      **LAB**

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